

IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re Application of: Nguyen, et al.	§	Case: AMAT/8349/MASK/ETEC/ARNOLD
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Serial No.: 10/672,420	§	Filed: September 26, 2003
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Examiner: Kackar, Ram N.	§	Group Art Unit: 1763
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Confirmation No.: 8442	§	
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Title: INTERFEROMETER ENDPOINT	§	
MONITORING DEVICE	§	

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SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

In response to the Examiner's Amendment responsive to the telephone interview with Keith Taboada on December 7, 2006, the Applicants submit the following statement regarding the substance of the interview.

- (A) No exhibits or demonstrations were conducted.
- (B) Claims 1 and 4 were discussed.
- (C) Japan Patent No. 357149732 (*Taji* reference) was discussed.
- (D) No proposed amendments were discussed.
- (E) The Examiner's Interview Summary correctly describes the interview.

(F) No other pertinent matters were discussed.

(G) The Applicants have submitted herewith a Response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2006 that contains claim amendments discussed in the Examiner Interview.

Although Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0780 for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

If, however, the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Keith Taboada at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date



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